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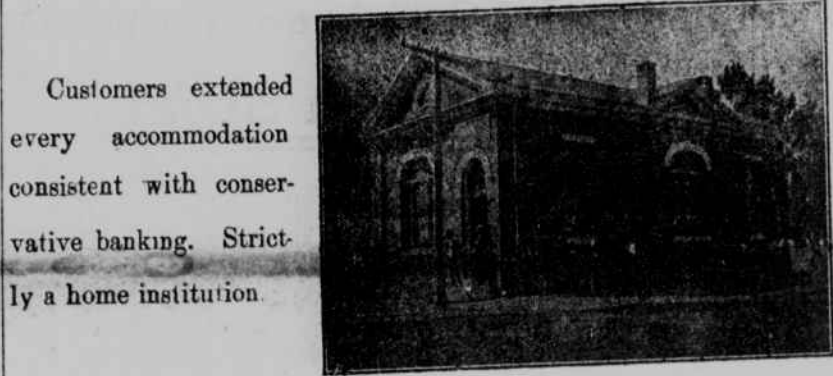
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father's home. There are plenty of babies in those homes and but little money to provide for them. Buying for such families is no joke. The expenses must be cut down, and that is one reason the bargain counters have the struggling multitudes about them.

The Bargain Counter Lesson.
But the bargain counter teaches us another lesson. Though most people are having a hard time financially, there are a great number who fatten themselves upon the misfortunes of others. These modern vandals of the night are not producers or developers. They are human beasts of prey whose business in life is to find some victims in distress and then to pounce upon them and make profit out of their misfortunes. They are like the wreckers of old who used to patrol the western coast of England. When a merchant ship was approaching the coast they would, with false lights, decoy it upon the rocks. Then they would gather up the wreckage and take the plunder to their homes.

During the financial stringency in October there were certain men in New York city who had ready money. Some of these men began to run up their premiums 20 and 50 and 75 and even 100 per cent. In other words, in order to borrow \$10 from you I would have to give \$20 in return. Because these men had cornered the money market they attempted to take from their fellow men every dollar they possessed. These plunderers were fattening their purses upon the misfortunes of their fellow men. And had not the secretary of the treasury and men like J. P. Morgan and others of that ilk brought millions upon millions of dollars into Wall street this country would have seen the darkest days in its financial history. Alas, Wall street is no different from every other place. In every country there are a lot of human vultures. Like haunting specters, they are hovering around ready to banquet upon the carcasses of the financially stricken. As soon as any man gets into trouble they pounce upon him and rip and tear him to little pieces. Like the ghouls of the night, they live by despoiling the graveyards. Like the robbers of stranded ships, their incomes are derived from the wreckage of their fellow men.

Be Just to Others.
Now, my brother, if you have a good income and are not in abject want be morally and spiritually honest. As you expect men to pay you a just price for your labor, you should be willing to pay others a just price for their labor. Because a poor seamstress is unfortunate and cannot get work do not give her 75 cents a day for her services when you ought to pay her \$1.50. If you have an industrious boy in your employ who is doing the work of a full grown man, do not pay him simply the wages of a boy. Pay him the wages of a man.

Because you have a merchant in a financial "hole" do not squeeze the life out of him. Be honest. Be fair. Pay a just price for all labor—that is, pay as you expect others to pay you. The tragedy of the bargain counter teaches us another great lesson. When an article has to be sold below cost, the unseen sufferers are those who are hurt the worst by the financial sacrifice. The clerk who sells you the goods over the bargain counter may not be the sufferer. Neither is the man who is at the head of the great dry goods emporium the one who ought to be the most pained. But the unseen sufferers are the men and women whose names you never know and whose faces you never saw. These are the people who should be commiserated.

A Civil War Tragedy.
The tragedy of the bargain counter is like the tragedy of the late civil war. I have been over many of the great battlefields of our country. Perhaps you have also been to some of them. Then, like me, you have stood before the plain white tombstones on our national cemeteries and said: "Poor fellows! Poor fellows! Most of these martyred soldiers were only boys. Think of the long marches and the days of hunger and cold. Think of those soldiers falling in the awful clutches of the enemy and the despair that must have overwhelmed them when they fell. Think of the horrors of the operating table and their agony when dying." But, though no man honors the dead soldiers of the late civil war more than I do, yet I would tell you that those who died for their country did not make the greatest sacrifices. A living sorrow is a far heavier burden to bear than a dead triumph. Did you think of what became of the wives and the mothers and the children of those dead soldiers when the children were stricken down? Did you ever think of the soldiers whose health and strength were destroyed, discharged from service because they were unfit for further duty and who came home with mangled limbs, doomed to a lifetime of physical decrepitude and pain? Ah, these were the greatest sufferers of the national carnage, not the men who felt the tingling of the bullet and then with a cry of "Oh, my God, I'm shot!" fell dead. The greatest sufferers of a nation's wars are the unseen sufferers.

Who, then, are the martyrs of the bargain counter? I will tell you. In all probability those goods which are sold belonged to some smaller dealer who was driven to the wall and who had to sell his stock for anything he could get, or they are the goods of some poor woman who had to work in the Chicago or the New York sweatshops, or they are the goods that have been marked down below cost in order to run some rival out of business. It is easy enough for a druggist to take in a line of stationery and sell it at cost in order to destroy the trade of the stationery store near him, but that sale means blood money. No man ever bought something for less than cost unless some one had to suffer. God pity the poor sewing girls whose needles made those cheap garments. God pity the wretched business out of which those bargain counters have been lifted. God pity the men and the women who for years have had to labor and yet all their labor go for naught. Do you and I want to make a profit out of

such tragedies?
The Bargain Counter and Crime.
But, though it is hard to starve and to wear ragged clothes and go to the poorhouse, yet there are even worse results from the bargain counter than to run at her beck and call. Poverty's handmaid is crime, and crime's name can be spelled in many different ways. Sometimes it is called immorality, sometimes theft, sometimes drunkenness, sometimes forgery, sometimes wrecked and dismantled homes. It is easy enough for some of us to be good when we have full stomachs and are sitting with our dear ones before the grate in the cheerful library, but it is another thing for some of us to be good when we are hungry and cold and are hearing our little ones cry for their daily bread. Yes, the bargain counter, pretty always means poverty. And, alas, poverty too often means crime.

The history of the bargain counter is ruinous everywhere. It means poverty, and poverty too often means crime. See that young girl leading a life of shame. The bargain counter may have made her do it. See that forger behind iron bars. The bargain counter may have made him dip the false pen into the ink. See that drunkard. The bargain counter may have lifted the intoxicating cup to his lips. You cannot buy something for less than cost unless some one is being pushed to the financial wall. The bargain counter always means pecuniary loss somewhere, and the loser is driven by poverty and crime to take the cup of despair and drink it to the bitter dregs.

Now, there are two great practical applications of this subject. Never let your children become the victims of the bargain counter's tyrannies. Never start your wife unless one fourth into the battle of life unless they are mentally and physically trained to do one thing well, so that by their own skill they are able to earn a decent living. The direct cause of the bargain counter is that this world is flooded with unskilled labor. Those unskilled laborers are almost entirely at the mercy of the unscrupulous, who say to the poor needlewoman, "Make these shirts at so much a day or starve," and there is no redress. The unskilled workmen have to labor at starvation wages. The goods mostly found upon the bargain counter are the products of such unskilled labor. Never let your children grow up to be the pathetic army of unskilled laborers. Make them learn to do some one thing by which they can earn an honest livelihood if there should ever be a necessity for it. And this warning applies just as much to what you shall do for your girls as for your boys.

The Turn of Fortune.
"Oh, but you say, 'you do not know who I am. I am not a pauper. I am one of the leading business men in this town. When I die I expect to leave my children enough money to be independent. Why, my wife would feel disgraced if I sent my daughters out to work.' Great mistake that, my brother. The money you have saved will not make your family independent of financial risks. The easiest thing in the world to scatter is a fortune when it is gathered by the hands of another man. And I want to tell you something else. The labor market today is simply glutted with the unskilled labor of the men and women who were once denizens of wealthy homes. Your daughter may know how to drum upon the piano from some untill doudsday or paint upon some china a few flowers which her teacher has drawn for her, but such accomplishments in coming days of financial stress will not gain for her her daily bread. No man, I care not who he may be, whether he lives in palace or in hut, has done his full duty to his children unless he gives his boys and girls the best education in his power and teaches them how to become skilled workmen in some line so that they can earn their daily bread. When I have trained my children's brains and hands to earn a living, I have given them the best boon on earth, next to introducing them to my Saviour and King.

I would impress upon your minds today the old gospel lesson that our mission should be to help those who are helpless and to care for those who are financially, morally and spiritually tripped up in the battle of life. In the old Roman Coliseum, when a gladiator was flung, the angry foe standing over him had first to look up to the vestal virgins to find out whether he might spare him or plunge into his heart the fatal sword. If the vestal virgins wanted the prostrate fighter to live, they would point their thumbs to the heavens; if they wanted him to die, they would point their thumbs down. So today by the lessons of the bargain counter we hold the life and the death of multitudes as they did in the Roman Coliseum. Shall we say "Thumbs up" or "Thumbs down?"

The Earl of Shaftesbury's Career.
Did you ever hear how the Earl of Shaftesbury used to devote himself to his great life's work? No young man of twenty-five than he at once began to look around to see whom he could help. First he arose and advocated laws for the alleviation of the sufferings of the insane in the public asylums. As soon as the pitiful existence of these poor unfortunate was bettered he wrote in his diary, "And so by God's blessing my first effort has been made for the advancement of human happiness." Next he advocated laws to better the condition of the poor paupers farmed out to work, as some of our states farm out their criminals to work in the mines. Then he extended a helping hand to the poor little children who as chimney sweepers were compelled to work for a living. Then this nobleman, noble not only by blood, but by achievement, started out to help the seamstresses of London and the bootblacks and at last even he died the Prince of Wales and when he died the London poor vied with each other to show honor when the good Earl of Shaftesbury's body was laid away among the honored dead of Westminster abbey. All these noble philanthropies received their first impulse when as a boy he saw a friend-

less pauper in a cheap box being trialed by five drunken men to throw him into the field. May these thoughts that bargain counter be to us as the real earl. May we from this time onward be that there are countless many who are in want and in poverty. May we forth prayerfully, hopefully, to the greatest number suffering humanity in the land of the bargain counter be. Lifeline inspiration for Christian life.

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Prevalence of the Drink Habit.
Per cent of men who drink, 85.
Per cent who drink to excess, 30.
Per cent who are inebriated, 12.
Per cent who are incurable, 7.
Per cent of women who drink, 65.
The man who is responsible for these figures is Dr. W. D. Lawrence of Minneapolis.

"Fifteen per cent of the adult males in this country are teetotalers," said Dr. Lawrence to the Des Moines correspondent of the Clinton Herald, "while 55 per cent are what may be termed privilege drinkers—that is, men who claim the right to take a drink as it pleases them, but who do not drink to excess."

"Thirty per cent are diseased through the use of drugs. These statistics relate to the use of drugs as well as the use of liquor. They are inebriated and have acquired the habit, which is beyond their control. Of these 12 per cent are submerged."

"They are dilettantes and require the attention of the public, and of benevolent societies, organizations. Seven per cent are hopeless, and it is useless to expend funds on them except to isolate and detain them humanely and at work if possible."

Marriage as a Failure.
There is more nonsense talked in the abstract about marriage as a failure than is talked about any other branch of the conduct of life. If a census on the subject could be taken I am sure it would be found that the majority of married people jog along very comfortably and are much happier in their united state than they possibly could have been had they remained unmarried. The number of divorces is usually quoted to prove that marriage is a failure, but what, after all, is the number of divorces in proportion to a population of many millions of married people?—Mme. Sarah Grand in London Chronicle.

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